

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
9:00 a.m., February 27, 2003
River Lodge Conference Center
of the Eel River Valley
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, California

Item: 13

Subject: Blue Lake Forest Products, Inc., Glendale Sawmill, Humboldt County,
Recision of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2003-0003,
WDID No. 1B82002OHUM

DISCUSSION

On May 16, 2002, the Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-0036 for the Blue Lake Forest Products, Inc., Glendale Sawmill (hereinafter discharger) facility located in Glendale, Humboldt County. The discharger operated a saw and planer mill at this site since 1986 after purchasing it from the McNamara & Peepe Corporation. Several former mills operated at this site since 1940. Since adoption of these 2002 Waste Discharge Requirements, the discharger has permanently closed all operations and the mill has been dismantled.

The former owner/operator of the lumber mill operated a chemical wood treatment system using pentachlorophenol and tetrachlorophenol. Wood treatment chemicals were discharged onto the ground surface, into the millyard drain system, and into the Mad River during the 1960s and 1970s. Site investigations and cleanups were conducted with oversight by California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) pursuant to state superfund regulations. The final cleanup effort included capping of the old green chain area in 1996 with a concrete slab and installation of groundwater monitoring wells to verify that groundwater will not be impacted. DTSC continues to monitor integrity of the concrete cap and quality of groundwater in the immediate vicinity.

The discharger operated a unit dip tank inside a building on the south side of Glendale Drive from 1987 to 2002. Wood treatment chemicals that were used at this site are Copper-8-quinolinolate and food-grade fungicides. Groundwater was monitored in the vicinity of the unit dip tank throughout the 15-year period, and no groundwater contamination was detected.

The proposed Order rescinds existing Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R1-2002-0036

PRELIMINARY STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the tentative Order as proposed.